



Regions and cities, pillars of the EU's future







Industrial Symbiosis in Sabadell: a medium-seized city experience fostering a greener Europe through more sustainable industrial areas



#### Framework

- Spanish National Energy and Climate Plan: concern on sustainability and energy efficiency.
- Sabadell and its surrounding is the most industrialized area in the region: high production of industrial waste.





- 7 industrial areas that are part of the city of Sabadell with an impact on its sustainability as a city.
- Strong linkages among the different agents of the local ecosystem (companies, citizens, universities, local administration, etc.).

- Enough dimension to have relevant impact.
- Chance to keep close and thus gain trust and cohesion among the necessary stakeholders.
- Decision on 2014 for a supramunicipal project on industrial symbiosis.
- Industrial areas as a key element of wealth and job creation as well as the production of industrial waste: critical in terms of city's sustainability.
- Project building on assets of being a medium-sized city plus all the work done since 2008 connecting with industrial companies.

#### **Actions**

• Identification of companies, activities and generated waste.





Data processing and identification of possible synergies.



**RECOVERY OF WASTE WATERS** 



REDUCTION OF VALORIZATION OF PACKAGING



**RECOVERY OF PLASTICS** 



IMPROVE THE VALORIZATION OF METAL MATERIALS



MANCOMUNATED ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT COMING FROM COMPANIES CANTEENS





IMPROVE RECYCLING (LIFE CYCLE) OF OILS, FILTERS AND BATTERIES



**BIOGAS PRODUCTION** 





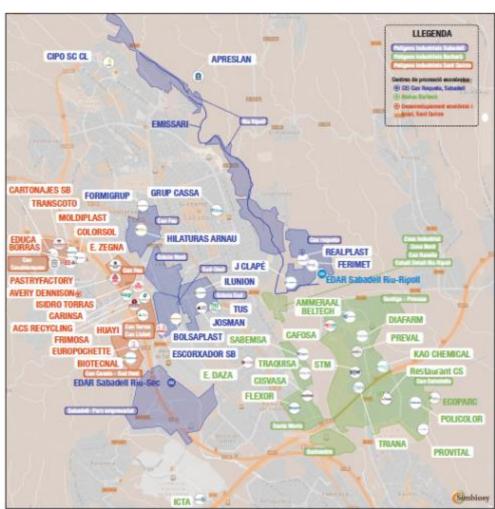
CLOSE UP THE VALUE CHAIN OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY



PREPARATION FOR THE RE-USE OF WASTE MATERIALS (ADAPTATION OF MACHINERY AND PROCESSES)

 Mapping opportunities and linkages among institutions.







#### **Results**

## **220 COMPANY VISITS**





## **45** PERSONALIZED SUPPORT ACTIONS

#### **21** BEST PRACTICES INFOGRAPHICS



## **Key factors of the process**

- Gaining trust and loyalty.
- Sharing information.
- Raising group awareness.



- Public administration becoming a facilitator.
- Consolidating the specific strategy of circular economy.
- Producing communication products and best practices.

#### **Impacts**

For companies...

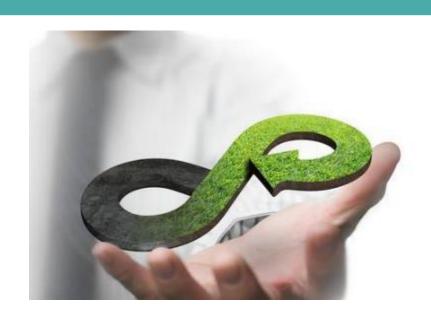
- Reduction of operating and production costs between the treatment and recovery of waste.
- Efficiency and increase in the production.
- Attraction of private investment and new products.
- Development of new sustainable projects among companies.



#### For the environment...

- Decreased demand for natural resources.
- Pollution decrease.
- Decreased demand to rubbish dumps.





### For the society...

- Creation of new job places.
- Pollution reduction and its related diseases.



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